

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 24, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 7:00 p.m. Print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, and place of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman  
Mr. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Cecil Atchley  
Mr. Tad Barber  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Jeremy Mace  
Mr. Ronnie West

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent  
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer for Operations  
and Student Services  
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller  
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel  
Mrs. Mattie Dillon, Interim Chief Officer  
for Administration  
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent  
for Instruction  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director  
For Elementary School  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director  
for Middle School  
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Executive Director  
for High School  
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration  
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant  
to Board of Education

Chairman English called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mrs. Joy Shealy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 10, 2016; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 10, 2016; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Mr. Aubrey Pompey was recognized as SC Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductee.
- Aiken County Perfect Attendance students were recognized.
- Spring Sports Champions were recognized.
- South Carolina Best Practice Award for SFA recognized Mrs. Karen Johnson and staff.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No items this meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2016: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE LEVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief Legislative update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.
  
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the request for out-of-district transfers.
  
- B-3 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August for the 2016-2017 school year.
  
- B-4 INCREASE IN MEAL PRICES FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$.15 increase in lunch fees as described above.

- B-5 FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM GRANT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grant for Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary School and North Aiken Elementary School.
- B-6 CLASS OF 1965 "BETTER THAN EVER" SCHOLARSHIP TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$4,500 Class of 1965 "Better Than Ever" Scholarship to Aiken High School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-7 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the CHE Advisory Committee's recommendations of Making Proud Choices for high schools and Healthy Futures Nu-CULTURE for middle schools.
- B-8 REQUEST TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board allow South Aiken High School to implement the pilot program for the 2016-2017 school term subject to review at the conclusion of the year.
- B-9 2016 SANDBLASTING & PAINTING OF AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM BLEACHERS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid of \$125,000.00 and enter into a contract with Associated Contractors White Roofing, Inc. to Sandblast & Paint Aiken High School Football Stadium Bleachers.

B-10 2016 REPLACEMENT OF EXTERIOR SIGNS @ AIKEN COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER, MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY, J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY AND KENNEDY MIDDLE: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$88,956.00 and enter into a contract with Finuf Sign Company, Inc. to replace exteriors signs to LED at Aiken County Career & Technology Center, Millbrook Elementary, J.D. Lever Elementary and Kennedy Middle.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-10; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified personnel for school year 2016-2017; and classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the re-employment for the 2016-2017 school year all non-instructional personnel under Service Agreement and not listed on the attached "HOLD" list and may be recommended for employment at a later date; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 COMPREHENSIVE REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FINAL READING: Mr. Green MOVED to approve on final reading the proposed comprehensive Code of Student Conduct for each level as presented by the administration; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-4 POLICY GCCA – SHARED LEAVE (NEW POLICY): Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the Shared Leave Policy and Administrative Rule for Final Reading; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Alford discussed GEM Awards Banquet on May 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and graduations scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Convocation Center.

Chairman English announced the Board will need to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board may choose: Contractual Item: consideration, discussion and review of a proposed amendment to a contractual issue; Personnel Item: Administrative appointment; Legal Briefing and Update: short verbal update on two tort claim notifications and a new OCR filing; and Student Appeal: one transfer appeal from Area 2.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:37 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:43 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:43 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Item: consideration, discussion and review of a proposed amendment to a contractual issue; Personnel Item: Administrative appointment; Legal Briefing and Update: short verbal update on two tort claim notifications and a new OCR filing; and Student Appeal: one transfer appeal from Area 2.

#### CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTRACTUAL ISSUE: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the CM at Risk projects with a shared savings of 70% Owner and 30% Contractor on Self Performed Work Items regarding North Augusta High School, Aiken High School, and Leavelle McCampbell Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

#### PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Mace MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Ms. Mendi Tucker, Principal of Gloverville Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained).

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew the appeal on 5/24/16.
  
- b. TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard a transfer appeal from the parent of an elementary school student in Area 3. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Area 2 Advisory Council and deny transfer appeal as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: